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ANCIENT CITY FOUND IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a city more than 2500 years old has been discovered in Orissa recently;

(b) if so, the expected name of that city, location thereof;

(c) whether this city has a similarity to "Mohan-Jo-Daro and Harappa" civilization;

(d) If so, the details thereof;

(e) Whether Indian Civilization of today is on the same pattern; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b) The recent excavation carried out at an early historic period site of Sisupalgarh by Deccan College, Pune suggests that its earliest date may go back to 2500 years ago.ASI had already excavated the site in 1948.Sisupalgarh,located about 4 km east of Bhubaneswar, is also identified as Tosali of Asokan (3rd century B.C.) edicts and Kalinganagara of Kharavela's (2nd century B.C.) inscription.

(c)to(f) Sisupalgarh (circa 4th century B.C. to 4th century A.D.) is not similar to Mohenjodaro or the Harappa Civilization (circa 2500 − 1900 B.C.) as both are widely separated by time, cultural materials and geography.